

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1731 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to impose a \$1 registration fee on all vehicles in the nine county Bay Area region for congestion mitigation strategies within the region.

I cannot support the increase of fees as proposed. This bill would extend the local surcharge at the same time the state is increasing vehicle registration fees to fund vital law enforcement services provided by the California Highway Patrol. I am concerned about the overall impact of the increasing costs of fees and gasoline on the motoring public.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger